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SUBJ: JSD NATIONAL CONFERENCE

1. TORRENTIAL RAINS FLOODED THEIR PALTAN MAIDAN MEETING GROUND, BUT YOUNG FIREBRANDS OF JATIYA SAMAJTANTRIK DAL NONETHELESS HELD HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL THREE- DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE MAY 11-13. KEYNOTE OF CONFERENCE SET BY PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY A. S. M. ABDUR RAB MAY 11, WHEN HE DECLARED THAT JSD WOULD WORK FOR MASS MOVEMENT THAT WOULD OVERTHROW CURRENT GOVERNMENT THROUGH PEOPLE' S WAR. SPEECHES ON ALLTHREE DAYS OF CONFERENCE CASTIGATED GOVERNMENT FAILURES IN ECONOMY AND UNDEMOCRATIC PRACTICES IN POLITICS. AL' S USE OF RAKKI BAHINI AND LAL BAHINI AS STRONG ARM FORCZS PARTICULARLY SINGLED OUT FOR CRITICISM. RAB, PARTY PRESIDENT JALIL AND JOINT SECRETARY SYAHJAHAN SIRAJ ALL DISCLAIMED DESIRE FOR POWER FOR ITS OWN SAKE, CLAIMING TO SPEAK FOR HAVE- NOTS AGAINST HAVES. IN THIS CONTEXT, MARCH ELECTIONS CONDEMNED AS GYPOCRITICAL

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EXERCISE AT EXPENSE OF HAVE-NOTS; SPEAKERS URGED
MASSES REPLACE PRESENT SYSTEM WITH SCIENTIFIC
SOCIALISM TO BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH BLOODLESS
CLASS STRUGGLE. RE FOREIGN POLICY, INDIA,
SOVIET UNION, AND U. S. ALL CRITICIZED FOR
SUPPORTING AWAMI LEAGUE, WITH USG DRAWING
EXTRA FIRE IN RAB'S ACCUSATION THAT GOP
ROUNDUP OF BENGALLEES WAS AMERICAN INSPIRED. BEFORE
CLOSE OF CONFERENCE, JSD LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCED
MAY 27 AS DAY OF DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST FAILURES
OF AWAMI LEAGUE. DEMONSTRATIONS TO INCLUDE GHERAO
OF GONOBHAVAN (PM'S RESIDENCE).

2. MEMBERSHIP LIST OF JSD NATIONAL COMMITTEE
ELECTED AT CONFERENCE BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.

3. COMMENT: HEAVY ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC MEETING AT
END OF CONFERENCE INDICATES BENGALLEES DISCONTENTED
ENOUGH TO ENJOY HEARING CRITICISMS OF AL. HOWEVER,
FRIENDLINESS OF AUDIENCE NOT TO BE READ AS
INDICATING STRONG SUPPORT IN COUNTRY FOR JSD'S
MARXIST, VAGUE SOLUTIONS TO BANGLADESH PROBLEMS.
STILL, PARTY HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS SINCE
ITS ESTABLISHMENT LAST OCTOBER AND IS NOW CLEARLY
MOST VITAL AND DEDICATED OF OPPOSITION GROUPS.
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